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Wylie Police Take Delivery of Military Surplus Vehicles
Armored MRAP and Humvee to be Added to Wylie Fleet

Wylie, TX, April 21, 2014 – The Wylie Police Department has added a Humvee (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) and Caiman 6x6 MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected) BAE Systems Personnel Carrier to its fleet to be used for tactical operations and vehicle displays during community events.

The vehicles valued at approximately \$650,000 were obtained free of charge through the Defense Department’s national military surplus vehicle program. There is no expense to the city of Wylie except for ongoing maintenance.

“If needed, the MRAP can provide potentially life-saving support and protection for our SWAT Team and officers during armed confrontations or other critical incidents...a resource we previously did not have and would not have been able to fund...it’s a great piece of equipment,” says Police Chief John Duscio. “My hope is that its only use will be as a display at community events. However, we will train with it, and if needed, the vehicle will be ready and available.”

According to Chief Duscio, the program coordinators took into consideration the North Texas Municipal Water District and future intermodal transportation facility in awarding Wylie the MRAP vehicle. Officers recently picked up the new vehicle that has been sitting in storage in Sealy, Texas. The Humvee is scheduled to be delivered this week from a local agency that also participates in the Defense Department’s national military surplus vehicle program but no longer needs the vehicle.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.